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. During November-December 1952 Soviet troop locations in Rumania were as follows:

1. The Soviet freighter, SEVASTOPOL, brought a Soviet unit of about 500 men to Constanta on 5 November 1952. The unit was equipped with antitank guns [REDACTED] which from the breech mechanism appeared to be fully automatic; 12 guns were unloaded from the ship. The troops' shoulder boards were uniform-color with yellow piping. 25X1
2. A Soviet unit of about 450 men is stationed in Radna at the former Hotel Podgoria. They wear shoulder boards with green piping. The unit is organized in four companies; each company has eight light machine guns and eight heavy machine guns resembling the German Model 42. [REDACTED] 25X1
3. A Soviet unit of 250 to 300 men is quartered at the former manor of Baron Axel von Ronay in Timisoara. They wear shoulder boards with white piping. Eight guns of 120 mm caliber were observed. [REDACTED] 25X1
4. There is a Soviet supply base at Cearda Rosie (sic). It is guarded by troops wearing red shoulder boards with blue piping. [REDACTED] 25X1
5. The road between Sacalaz and Beregsau via Vukovich (sic) has been closed to traffic since 25 October 1952. It is reported that launching platforms for rocket projectors are being built. A Soviet motor column was observed on 5 November 1952. [REDACTED] 25X1

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6. There is a Soviet unit of 250 to 300 men with four mortars in the General Magheru barracks (formerly Dimitri Cantemir). They wear shoulder boards with gray piping. The men of this unit are called "Miotka" by other Soviet troops.

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7. The bridges in and around Lipova are guarded by soldiers from a Soviet unit of about 400 men stationed at 12 Mures Street (former cloister of Notre Dame). This unit does only guard duty. Their shoulder boards have pale blue piping and the belt buckles are round and bear the Soviet star.

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8. A Chinese unit of about 120 men arrived at the rest center at Marila, near Oravita, on 12 November 1952. This center is in the former sanatorium of Dr. Ollinger (fnu).

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The rest center is guarded by Soviet troops wearing shoulder boards with blue piping.

9. There is a Soviet unit of about 500 men in navy uniforms in the Admiral Nachimov barracks (former Navy barracks) at Galati. The barracks are at the southwest end of the city, at 165 Visinski Street (formerly Marinei Street); it is the only naval barracks in Galati that is occupied.

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10. A Soviet troop unit of about 300 men was observed on 18 November 1952 in Giacova, at the former Hotel National, Piata Stalin 19 (formerly Piata Principala). Their shoulder boards were the color of the uniform, with dark blue piping and insignia of a double thunderbolt. There were three basket antennae on the roof of the building, and several telephone lines run from it. A radio car stood in the inner court. A repair truck and two cargo trucks, stood in front of the quarters. At 1400 hours a patrol car followed by a personnel car, left the quarters in the direction of Ghilad. In the patrol car were six Soviet soldiers with rolls of telephone wire. There is a sign post pointing to the quarters; a red board with black lettering in Cyrillic characters and the number 386.

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11. Underground fortifications are being constructed along the Black Seacoast between Constanta and Mangalia. There are at least 12 batteries, 350 mm. in position there.

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Torpedo tubes are installed at sea level elevation in the cliffs along the coast. The whole sector is occupied by Soviet antiaircraft artillery.

12. A Soviet warship arrived in the port of Constanta on 25 November 1952. The ship's name was covered up, so that its identity could not be established. Rumanian experts reported that it was a light cruiser of the LENINGRAD type with nine 150mm guns in three 3-gun turrets.

13. Troop movements continue in the Craiova area. The maneuvers ended officially on 17 November 1952. The problem of the maneuvers was as follows: "A strong Tito-Facist force, probably of division strength, makes an attack with the object of seizing the Rumanian oilfields at Floesti in a surprise raid. Strong enemy units succeed in crossing the Danube and establishing a strong bridgehead near Calafat. The task of the troops is to hold the enemy in check until reinforcements arrive from the north, and then to annihilate the enemy in cooperation with the reinforcements." Maneuver headquarters were at Filiasi. It was reported in Craiova that the Rumanian troops engaged in the maneuvers got into such confusion that they had to be withdrawn. It is not known in

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Craiova when the Soviet troops will leave. A Soviet armored unit with 24 Stalin III tanks is quartered at Filiasi in the Tudor Vladimirescu barracks, 9-11 Matasaniilor Street.

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The tactical insignia on the sides consist of a "T" in a rectangular border.

14. There is a Soviet ammunition depot in the former mill of the Roman Brothers, 300 meters northeast of the town of Parta. The building is 25 x 15 meters in size, and there are three other buildings belonging to it. The whole group is enclosed by a strong barbed wire entanglement and there are watch towers at the four corners where guards are posted. The guards wear shoulder boards with red piping.

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15. A Soviet armored unit is quartered in Czekonics Castle at the eastern exit of the village of Satul Nou. This castle was the Ana Pauker Children's Rest Home from 1947 until 1952. There were 18 to 20 Stalin III tanks in the courtyard.

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